

REFERENCE TITLE: **early ballots; collection; receipt**

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# **SB 1519**

Introduced by  
Senator Dial

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 16-548, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EARLY VOTING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 16-548, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4           16-548. Preparation and transmission of ballot: receipt:  
5                  exceptions

6       A. The early voter shall make and sign the affidavit and shall then  
7 mark his ballot in such a manner that his vote cannot be seen. The early  
8 voter shall fold the ballot, if a paper ballot, so as to conceal the vote and  
9 deposit the voted ballot in the envelope provided for that purpose, which  
10 shall be securely sealed and, together with the affidavit, delivered or  
11 mailed to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections of the  
12 political subdivision in which the elector is registered or deposited by the  
13 voter or the voter's agent at any polling place in the county. In order to  
14 be counted and valid, the ballot must be received by the county recorder or  
15 other officer in charge of elections or deposited at any polling place in the  
16 county no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.

17       B. If the early voter is an overseas citizen, a qualified elector  
18 absent from the United States or in the United States service, a spouse or  
19 dependent residing with the early voter or a qualified elector of a special  
20 district mail ballot election as provided in article 8.1 of this chapter, the  
21 early voter may subscribe to the affidavit before and obtain the signature  
22 and military identification number or passport number, if available, of any  
23 person who is a United States citizen eighteen years of age or older.

24       C. A PERSON WHO COLLECTS A VOTED EARLY BALLOT FROM ANOTHER PERSON  
25 SHALL PROVIDE THE EARLY VOTER WITH A RECEIPT FOR THE EARLY BALLOT. THE  
26 RECEIPT SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON WHO IS COLLECTING  
27 THE EARLY BALLOT. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

28           1. AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, A UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WORKER OR ANY  
29 OTHER PERSON WHO IS ALLOWED BY LAW TO TRANSMIT UNITED STATES MAIL AND WHO IS  
30 ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL DUTIES.

31           2. A CANDIDATE WHO COLLECTS FEWER THAN TEN VOTED EARLY BALLOTS FOR AN  
32 ELECTION OR A PERSON WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

33           3. A PERSON WHO IS RELATED TO THE VOTER BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, ADOPTION  
34 OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP.

35           4. A PERSON WHO RESIDES AT THE SAME RESIDENCE AS THE VOTER.